

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicant(s) : Horn et al.
Serial No. : 10/766,457
Filed : 28 January 2004
Title : FLUORIMETRIC DETERMINATION OF ANALYTES BY AN
INTRAMOLECULAR QUENCHER-FLUOROPHORE
CONJUGATE
Docket No. : WP 21395 US
Examiner : Gitomer, Ralph J.
Art Unit : 1655
Confirm. No. : 3170

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed 10 April 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction between allegedly distinct inventions identified by the Examiner as Group I (claims 1-19), said to be drawn to a method of detecting an analyte and classified in class 435, subclass 25; and Group II (claims 20-23), said to be unclassifiable.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to have the claims of Group I examined on the merits.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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